

I am writing to express my concern over the efforts of the National Association of Broadcasters to silence satellite radio. We have had XM in my wife's vehicle since Christmas and have found that the more we listen the more we enjoy the wide variety of programming and the diversity of views expressed on these programs. From classical music to rock, from conservative news to the more liberal point of view, we enjoy a wide variety of information and entertainment offered to us through XM Radio. Our road trips have become far more entertaining since getting XM in my wife's vehicle. My only complaint about XM is that I did not get it for my house too. We gladly pay for our service; we find the programming offered to be a great value. One of the items we find extremely worthwhile is the instant weather and traffic. We do a lot of traveling from Tennessee to points north, south, and east for scuba diving. The instant weather and traffic service has been most useful in avoiding hazardous situations on the road and being made aware of potentially dangerous weather, and I am glad to pay for this service. I do not appreciate the efforts of some who would like to dictate to me what I can and cannot listen to; especially over a service that provides an extra margin of safety in my travels, and on a service that I freely subscribe to. I view XM radio as being satellite for my automobile. I respectfully urge the rejection of NAB's petition 04-160 and support XM in providing the kind of programming that I receive, and look forward to hearing.